



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Asst. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. on SEP 04 2002

By: [Signature]

RECEIVED

SEP 09 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 15672-000810

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

LOREN R. PICKART

Application No.: 10/077,152

Filed: February 15, 2002

For: METHODS FOR TREATING
FINGERNAILS AND TOENAILS

Examiner: Not Assigned

Art Unit: 1615

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the references below, also listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. A copy of each is also enclosed.

The following U.S. Patents are set forth below by issue date.

- AA. U.S. Patent No. 4,919,920, issued April 24, 1990 to Devos.
- AB. U.S. Patent No. 5,382,431, issued January 17, 1995 to Pickart.
- AC. U.S. Patent No. 5,484,586, issued January 16, 1996 to Bedard.
- AD. U.S. Patent No. 5,554,375, issued September 10, 1996 to Pickart.
- AE. U.S. Patent No. 5,660,818, issued August 26, 1997 to Dubief et al.
- AF. U.S. Patent No. 5,698,184, issued December 16, 1997 to Pickart.
- AG. U.S. Patent No. 6,013,279 issued January 11, 2000 to Klett-Loch.
- AH. U.S. Patent No. 6,331,569 issued December 18, 2001 to Kisters et al.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicant believes that the invention as claimed is patentable over the above references taken alone or in any combination. However, Applicant reserves the right to demonstrate that their claimed invention was made prior to any one or more of the above-identified references. No inference should be drawn as to the pertinence of the references based on the order in which they are presented.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references to make their own determination of the patentability of the present invention and that the references be made of record in the file of this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action and after three months of the filing date, but prior to the Notice of Allowance or Final Office Action. Although no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessitated by this transmittal to Townsend and Townsend Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 27, 2002

By: Steven W. Parmelee
Steven W. Parmelee
Reg. No. 31,990

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP
Two Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94111
(206) 467-9600